(d) how fruitful will this attempt be ;

(e) has any country earlier atempted this; and

(f) is yes, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.

(e) Not known.

(f) In view of (e) above question does not arise.

Medium of entrance exam. for admission to RIMC

†3413. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had given an assurance in the meeting of Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry on 20th November, 2000 that he would take action on the demand of making an option of Hindi question paper in place of only English question paper in the entrance examination of standard VIIth of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun; and

(b) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken on this assurance so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) RIMC entrance written examinations are conducted twice in a year during June and December under arrangement of All State Governments and UT Administrations. The candidates are examined in three subjects in written examination i.e. English, Mathematics and General Knowledge. Since June, 2001, the question papers for the entrance examination of RIMC, Dehradun are made available in bi-lingual (English & Hindi) or even in regional languages based on the demand by States Except for English paper. As such, the assurance given by the Defence Minister is being implemented.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.